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Journal

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

The month of September has arrived and school is in session. Officials from the Village of Walton Hills have joined together to offer, for the first time ever, a scholarship program to benefit our kids, and their parents, as they embark on the next chapter of their educational careers. The Walton Hills Education Network STEM scholarship was awarded to two students pursuing degrees in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) related fields. Each scholarship is \$1,000 and is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. The Walton Hills Education Network, WHEN, is a 501(c)(3) organization. Offering the scholarships to Village residents is another way to positively engage our community members with our community leaders and assist them in earning a college education.

During last month's Community Day, several community members told me that Walton Hills has finally reached all generations in the Village, from the young to the elderly. Some other residents, however, feel the STEM Scholarships and other programs offered by Walton Hills aren't moving the Village forward. To those who may have negative comments regarding our Village, please, I encourage you to change the negative comments into positive comments and offer suggestions as to what you feel our Village can do to sustain our future and positively impact our residents. I encourage you to come to the Village Hall and ask any questions you may have or voice any concerns you may have regarding our Village. The doors are always open. We cannot serve you if we do not know what is being said around town. Please understand, the leaders of Walton Hills are transparent and don't have anything to hide and we will answer any questions or concerns you may have. I hope that

if you have any questions regarding anything you may have heard around the Village that you would get the correct information from Village Hall.

One issue that continues to be talked about is the Village's budget and our employees. There are several Walton Hills employees that wear many different hats in their jobs and has saved the Village of Walton Hills in operational costs. As we have stated several times in the last few months, we have downsized our staff of full-time employees to 29 people and have reduced our operations by \$1.8 million over the last six years in pursuit of a balanced budget and to not lay the burden on you, the taxpayers. We are not like the state government, nor are we like the federal government. We cannot print new money or take away from the local communities and leave them wondering how to balance their budget and then say we have a surplus. We have to work with what we have and stay on course to finish the race.

The annual end of the summer celebration, Community Day, was a great success. Our community experienced a great day that was filled with fun, laughter and great entertainment. Several residents were pleased with Community Day and told me how great of an event it is, one that they look forward to each summer. I hope that as we enter into the fall season you will continue to participate in Village activities. The annual hay ride and bon fire is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th at TG Young Park. That should be another great event where we can all come together as a community and enjoy each other's company.

God Bless You,

Kevin Hurst

Mayor/Safety Director, I.G.I.T.



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Top row: Councilpersons Gloria Terlosky, Paul Rich, Mary Brenner-Miller, Brian Spitznagel

Bottom row: Councilman Don Kolograf, Mayor Kevin Hurst, Councilman Denny Linville

Legislation Approved at the 8.15.17 Council Meeting

Council meeting minutes are available in their entirety on the Village website

Ordinance No. 2017-12 authorizes the Fiscal Officer to certify delinquent maintenance charges to the County Auditor for collection.

Ordinance No. 2017-13 amends Section 260.18 of the Codified Ordinances, "wage rates for Village Employees" making the same effective on August 1, 2017.

Resolution No. 2017-18 is a Resolution of Appreciation to Kenn L. Thellmann for the distinguished public service he has provided to the residents of the Village of Walton Hills.

Resolution No. 2017-19 awards Kenn L. Thellmann his service weapon and badge upon his retirement from the Walton Hills Police Department.

Resolution No. 2017-20 approves the lot split of PPN 793-22-001, confirming the action of the Village's Planning Commission on June 28, 2017.

Resolution No. 2017-21 confirms the appointment of Stan Jaworski as Interim Police Chief, effective August 1, 2017.

Military Resource Fair

The Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Cuyahoga County Public Library will be hosting a "Military Resource Fair," on Friday, October 13 from 9am-12pm at Chagrin Falls Middle School. It will feature a variety of organizations geared towards helping those who have served our country in any era, their spouses and their families. The event is completely free and open to the public. Free continental breakfast, haircuts, massages, and additional offers will be available to those in attendance.

Date: Friday, October 13, 2017
Time: 9am-12pm
Location: Chagrin Falls Middle School (342 East Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022)
Bring: DD 214 or NGB 22 discharge papers. If discharge papers are not available, bring the social security card of the military personnel.



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Walton Hills Police Department Information

Stanley Jaworski, Interim Chief of Police / Councilman Denny Linville, Safety Committee Chair

When the Village of Walton Hills received a letter of resignation from former Chief of Police Kenn Thellmann, the decision was made to promote former Captain Stanley Jaworski to the position of Interim Police Chief. Walton Hills eliminated the captain's position and downsized the department to ten full-time police officers after the proposed tax levy failed.

The Village of Walton Hills is pursuing a new police contract that would expire by the end of 2017. The Village hopes that the opportunity will present itself to bring back some part-time officers. If that should happen, it would benefit the entire Village of Walton Hills.



Home Preparedness Kit

The Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management wants all residents in the county to be prepared in the event of weather-related emergencies. Being prepared means being equipped with the proper supplies in the event of an emergency. Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit or backpack that you can take with you in the event you

need to evacuate. Here are some tips and items to consider when organizing a home preparedness kit.

A Home Preparedness Kit Should Contain:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of



- There are some tips when organizing a kit.
- ### Emergency Kit
- one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation
- three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - First Aid Kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
 - Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter air
 - Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
 - Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
 - Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
 - A jacket or coat, long pants, and a long sleeve shirt
 - Sturdy shoes, a hat and gloves
 - A sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person

Walton Hills & Sagamore Hills Township JEDD

Mayor Kevin Hurst, Safety and Economic Development Director

The Village of Walton Hills and Sagamore Hills Township are celebrating the second year of a 50 year JEDD agreement that will benefit both communities. Walton Hills will collect all income tax from the Northcoast Behavioral Facility for the next 50 years and will split all revenues 50/50 with Sagamore Hills. Walton Hills also receives another 3% for managing the JEDD. This adds up to around \$450,000 each year. This would not have been accomplished without the working relationship of a productive Village Council. Village Council allows me to offer proposals, negotiate, and seek answers to those proposals. If you have any questions you can call the Village Hall at (440) 232-7800 at any time. You can also come into the Village Hall or review the information on our website, www.waltonhillsohio.gov. The following information explains more in depth what a JEDD is:

What is a JEDD? JEDD is short for Joint Economic Development Districts. Sections 715.69-715.90 of the Ohio Revised Code govern JEDDs. A JEDD is a type of contract between the legislative authorities of communities that border or touch each other to develop a specific parcel or parcels of land for a more productive use. Communities that individually lack land development capabilities create and enter into JEDDs with a goal of economic development, job preservation, and/or employment opportunities for their citizens. The combined efforts and shared resources between the communities for the parcel(s) in question aids efficient development. The foundation for a JEDD is cooperation between local communities so that each may benefit economically.

When is a JEDD used? A JEDD is used when communities desire to work together for shared tax revenue. Communities, who desire increased income tax revenue from an industrial opportunity, yet are unable to support the business or industry behind the increase in tax revenue alone, can contract with a neighboring community to share resources. This is done when a town cannot, or will not annex the necessary land. Because both communities are involved and share their resources, economic issues afflicting both communities are alleviated. JEDDs cannot be used for residentially zoned areas.

Why would a community want a JEDD?

Communities like to use JEDDs because they collect increased tax revenue without having to raise their own taxes or outlaying initial funding for property improvements. Participating communities enjoy increased tax revenue that facilitates a direct benefit for community infrastructure investments. Additionally, JEDD creation can alleviate any annexation pressures between neighboring communities.

Since an independent and impartial board manages the JEDD, communities need not have to worry about future jurisdictional boundary issues or responsibilities of the other party. The JEDD contract, enforced by the JEDD board, governs all terms and conditions between the communities. The board does not have more power than the creating communities for which it serves, nor can it cause the creating communities to lose any powers.

What are the advantages of creating a JEDD?

For Townships:

- Townships cannot collect income tax, yet the JEDD provides the township an ability to increase revenues through income and property taxes on previously vacant land.
- JEDDs prevent city or village annexation for a minimum of three years, creating a period of cooperation between the township and city or village
- JEDDs provide a new source of funding for resident services at no additional cost to them.

For Cities or Villages:

- Income tax revenues increase
- Infrastructure utilities typically increase, thereby increasing tax revenue
- Economic issues between townships and cities or villages are solved in a cooperative manner



September Recreation News

Carol Stanoszek, Recreation Director (440) 786-2964 stanoszekc@waltonhillsohio.gov
Mary Brenner-Miller, Recreation and Community Life Committee Chairwoman

Event: FLOUR RESTAURANT

Date: Tuesday, September 5th

Time: Leaving the Community Center at 11am
Site: Moreland Hills
Cost: \$2 + your lunch
Note: Italian cuisine. Call the Recreation Department at (440) 786-2964 no later than Friday, September 1st to sign up.

Event: LINE DANCING

Date: Fridays, September 8th and 22nd

Time: 7-10pm
Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)
Cost: \$6 at the door (refreshments will be sold)
Note: Have some fun line dancing the night away! Have plenty of laughs and get a little exercise!

Event: HARD ROCK ROCKSINO

Date: Monday, September 18th

Time: Leaving the Community Center at 9:45am;
Leaving the Hard Rock Rocksino at 2pm
Site: Northfield
Cost: Free! See below
Note: The trip is free, but you must call the Rec Department at (440) 786-2964 by Wednesday, September 13th to sign up. There will be \$20 in free play, the buffet is \$9.99 and on every VLT machine – you can win more free play money every 15 minutes!!!

Event: SENIOR LUNCH

Date: Monday, September 25th

Time: 11:15am
Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)
Cost: \$7
Note: Informative talk about Medicare Part D with Kathleen Kapusta. Ask questions, get answers. There's more about Medicare Part D on page 8!

CAROL'S BOOKWORM REVIEW

Last month we read and discussed the book, "Born with Teeth," by Kate Mulgrew. We rated this book:



Out of 5

Event: CAROL'S BOOKWORMS

Date: Monday, September 25th

Time: 7pm
Site: Community Center (14660 Alexander Road)
Cost: A food item for our Village pantry.

Event: HAY RIDE & BON FIRE

Date: Saturday, September 30th

Time: 6:30pm
Site: TG Young Park
Cost: Free – a donation to our food pantry would be appreciated!
Note: Hay ride turns haunted after dark! Hot dogs and beverages will be served. Bring your friends and family and enjoy this fun fall evening!!

All trips and/or events that require transportation will be departing from the Walton Hills Community Center.



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DREW'S YOGA CLASS

Date: Thursdays, September 7th – October 19th

Time: 6:30pm

Site: Walton Hills Community Center

Cost: **Residents** – 10 sessions for \$90 **Non-Residents** – 10 sessions for \$100 **Drop-in** – \$12

Note: Vinyasa Yoga (power yoga). Please be sure to bring a water bottle, yoga mat, and a towel (if possible, beach towel sized).

Walton Hills Community Center Clubs

Card Club: Join us at the Community Center for cards! We'll learn a new game or play some of your favorites! This club is open to card sharks of all ages! Every Tuesday from 1-3pm.

Knit-wit-2-needles: All ladies are welcome to come and visit to knit, crochet and lend ideas or group projects! This is held every Tuesday beginning June 6th from 1-3pm. Join in the fun even if you don't know how to knit or crochet!

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Medicare Part D – Complete the Sheet

Kathleen Kapusta, LISW-S Social Worker / Office Phone 216.524.5570

Medicare Part D (remember D for drugs) is the prescription coverage portion of Medicare; which began in 2006. It is not something you receive automatically, you must apply for Part D coverage. You need to review your Part D coverage on a yearly basis. Why? Because there may have been changes in your medications, the formularies of what drugs the company may cover and the related costs. Also, remember when judging what prescription coverage plan is appropriate for you, all costs must be considered. This includes costs for deductible, premium and drugs. Each year, between October 15th and December 7th, there is open enrollment for Medicare Part D.

What does this mean to you?

- 1) Complete the Sheet, information needed to review the available Part D plans.
- 2) Turn it in to the Recreation Department as soon as possible.
- 3) It will be evaluated in the program on the Medicare website.
- 4) You will then be advised of your options.

The following form needs to be completed fully so your information can be processed through the Medicare website:

Medicare Part D – Prescription Coverage

It is time for the annual review of your Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. This is not for those receiving coverage through an employer. The open enrollment period is October 15th through December 7th. **If you need assistance with this process, complete the attached sheet (please print) and submit it to the Recreation Department no later than October 15th.**

COMPLETE THE SHEET

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): _____

Phone # _____ Birth Date _____

Current Drug Plan Name _____ Preferred Drug Stores _____

Are you on: Medicare Senior Advantage? _____ Employer Drug Plan? _____

Medicare # _____ Medicare A Effective Date _____

(Must include ending letter of Medicare #) Email _____

ONLY names of current prescriptions, dosage and frequency (do not state PRN or "as needed")

DRUG

FREQUENCY

DOSAGE

Please list any additional medication on an attached form. If you have a current prescription list from your pharmacy, it can be attached as well. Again, please submit this information to the Recreation Department by October 15th.

Street Commissioner's Report

Dan Stucky, Street Commissioner
Councilman Brian Spitznagel, Infrastructure Committee Chairman

As summer is winding down and we begin to work toward completing several items remaining on our "to do list," we can now start to think about fall and winter. It seems like summer goes by faster and faster each year and before we know it we are pulling out the leaf collection machine and snow plow equipment so our mechanic can go over any needed maintenance issues with these pieces of equipment.

The brush chipping service will be ending for the year during the week of Monday, September 18th. Make sure you take your branches out to the street by 8am on the 18th! We will run through all of the Village's streets beginning that Monday morning with the goal of finishing by Friday, September 22nd.

Our upcoming Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District roundups this month include: old tires during the week of Monday, September 11th through Friday, September 15th and then old computers during the week of Monday,



September 25th through Friday, September 29th from 8am to 3:30pm. Both drop off points are at the Service Center on Dunham Road.

In October, the second household hazardous waste disposal will take place the week of Monday, October 2nd through Friday, October 6th, also at the Service Department on Dunham Road. From 8am-3:30pm each day you can take your household hazardous waste to be properly disposed of. Examples of household hazardous waste include oil based paint, solvents,

used motor oil, other automotive fluids, lawn and garden products, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Latex paint is not accepted in this program. Latex paint should be dried up using cat litter and placed in the trash.

Reminder: The Village Hall will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th and due to Labor Day, trash will be collected one day late. It'll be collected on Saturday, September 9th.

SPECTRUM Cable Changes

Spectrum is going 100% digital! You've probably already received a letter in the mail regarding the changes to your digital experience. If you have any questions, however, regarding your Spectrum service you can call 1-844-278-3906, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also go online for more information regarding the changes: www.spectrum.com.

Building Inspector Certified

The Village of Walton Hills' Interim Residential Building Inspector, Rob Kalman has passed all tests that are required to earn all of his certifications as a residential building inspector. Rob Kalman has been acting as our Interim Residential Building and Zoning Inspector, our Assistant Street Commissioner as well as our Facility

Maintenance Coordinator during the last couple of years which has saved the Village several thousands of dollars. If you have any building or zoning questions you can call the Village Hall at (440) 232-7800 or head over to our website, www.waltonhillsohio.gov.



RUSH TO JUDGMENT

Councilwoman Gloria Terlosky, Information Committee Chairwoman

Remember a few decades ago when we would sit around the living room as a family and watch TV together? The one program a lot of us watched was Dragnet, starring Jack Webb, better known to us as Sergeant Joe Friday, Badge Number 714. Do you remember the famous words he said in every episode? "The facts ma'am. Just the facts." How true those words ring out today.

Why is it that we're in such a rush to judge before we gather all of the facts? With today's technology, we expect to know and want everything instantly! It's time to stop and take a deep breath and say, "I need to know all the facts before I can come to a realistic conclusion."

In Louisiana and Minnesota, two different shootings occurred, but the media tried to link them together. Right away, judgments were cast by

the public, prior to any investigations of the events. Another example of this idea of rushing to judgment is when an Egyptian airliner crashed into the ocean. Several people around the globe assumed that it was an



act of terror. Once again, a rush to judgment before all of the facts were known. Now, months later, after all of the data was reviewed, investigators discovered there was smoke in the airliner's bathroom and the conclusion was there was a fire

on board, not a terrorist attack, but a mechanical malfunction.

We live in a much crazier time than when Sergeant Joe Friday hit the airwaves for the first time in the 1950s. Before we react though, we should say those infamous words spoken on Dragnet, "The facts ma'am. Just the facts." We need to learn all of the facts before we can come to a logical, fact-based conclusion. A conclusion not based on race, color, creed, gender, appearance or political preferences.

We are quick to condemn, but let's change. Before we rush to judgment, let's learn what all the facts are, and maybe there will be happier endings; ones without protesting, looting and senseless deaths. Sergeant Joe Friday got it right, now it is our turn.

Thank You Carol James Florist

Our most sincere appreciation is extended to Carol James Florist, located at 451 Broadway Avenue in Bedford, for donating a beautiful floral arrangement for display in the Village Hall lobby every week.

Please patronize this wonderful florist! Their phone number is 440.786.1811.



Calendar of Events

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day – Village Hall Closed	5 Flour Restaurant Leaving at 11am C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	6 Historical Resource Center 1-3pm & 7-8:30pm	7 Mayor's Court 4pm Drew's Yoga Class 6:30pm	8 Line Dancing 7pm	9 Trash pick-up (Labor Day)
10	11 Old Tires Recycling 8am-3:30pm 50 Plus Club Board Mtg. 10am	12 Old Tires Recycling 8am-3:30pm C.O.W. Mtg. 6pm	13 Old Tires Recycling 8am-3:30pm	14 Old Tires Recycling 8am-3:30pm Mayor's Court 4pm Drew's Yoga Class 6:30pm	15 Old Tires Recycling 8am-3:30pm	16
17	18 Hard Rock Rocksino Leaving at 9:45am 50 Plus Club Mtg. 1pm Antique Car Club 7pm	19 Council Mtg. 6pm	20	21 Mayor's Court 4pm Drew's Yoga Class 6:30pm	22 Line Dancing 7pm 	23
24	25 Computer Recycling 8am-3:30pm Senior Lunch 11:15am Carol's Bookworms 7pm	26 Computer Recycling 8am-3:30pm	27 Computer Recycling 8am-3:30pm Citizens League Mtg. 7pm Women's Club Mtg. 7pm	28 Computer Recycling 8am-3:30pm Mayor's Court 4pm Drew's Yoga Class 6:30pm	29 Computer Recycling 8am-3:30pm	30 Hay Ride & Bon Fire 6:30pm

Women's Exercise Class – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Community Room

Mahjongg – Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4pm at the Walton Hills Church of Christ

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